



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **UCHIDA, Takayuki**

Group Art Unit: **2165**

Serial No.: **10/677,216**

Examiner: **Jacques VEILLARD**

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For: **RECORDING MEDIUM STORING HIERARCHICAL INFORMATION,  
INFORMATION RETRIEVING DEVICE, INFORMATION RETRIEVING  
SYSTEM, INFORMATION RETRIEVING METHOD, INFORMATION  
RETRIEVING COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
STORING SUCH COMPUTER PROGRAM**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -  
GROUP ART UNIT 2165**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 22, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.